

Summer Job Opportunity

2015 Youth Conservation Corps

Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge



WORK! LEARN! EARN! MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Job Location: Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, Marion, IL

Application Deadline: Original applications must be received at the Refuge Office by 4 p.m. April 30, 2015 by mail or in person. The Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge office is located at 8588 route 148 in Marion, IL, 62959.

Youth Conservation Corps: The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) is a summer employment program for young men and women ages 15 through 18, who work, learn, and earn together by doing outdoor projects on public land. The goals are to accomplish needed conservation work on public lands, to provide gainful employment for America's youth, and provide an opportunity for participants to develop an understanding and appreciation for the nation's natural environment and heritage.

Work Schedule and Salary: YCC Crew Members work Monday through Friday, 40 hours per week, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for an 8 week period from **June 14 to August 8, 2014**. Enrollees are expected to be available for the entire eight week program. Salary is \$8.25/hour. Crew members must have a checking or savings account in order to receive their Federal salary payment. Payments are made by *direct deposit* to a financial institution of their choosing.

Eligibility and Selection: No previous experience is required; selection is by random drawing. Four students will be hired to work with a YCC Crew Leader. To be eligible for the YCC program at Crab Orchard Refuge, applicants must:

- Be 15 to 18 years old, enrolled in school and a permanent resident of the United States.
- Furnish transportation to and from the Refuge maintenance shop located Route 148 in Marion, IL
- Possess a Social Security Card and Birth Certificate
- Have the consent and permission of a parent or legal guardian to apply.
- Attend the YCC Orientation Meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. **May 6, 2015** to complete required federal employment forms (a parent or legal guardian must also be present).

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Typical Duties: Youth Conservation Corps members will assist refuge personnel with a diverse range of projects, including:

- Grounds and Building Maintenance
- Wildlife Management Projects (beaver dam removal, invasive plant control, etc.)
- Maintenance of Trails and Visitor Access Areas
- Environmental Education and Recreation Programs

Physical Demands and Hazards: YCC positions will require hard work in an outdoor setting. Physical demands and environmental hazards may include:

- Use of hand tools such as hammers, shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows.
- Use of power equipment such as weed eaters, lawn mowers, drills.
- Repetitive lifting of up to 40 pounds of weight.
- Extensive hiking on sometimes rough terrain.
- Physically demanding work involving bending, pulling, digging, and lifting.
- Exposure to summer heat, rain and demanding field conditions.

How to Apply: Interested individuals should contact Kim King-Wrenn at 618-997-3344 ext. 1 for additional information.



For more information about the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CrabOrchardNWR or our website at <http://midwest.fws.gov/craborchard>

YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS (YCC) APPLICATION

Print or Type all answers. All question and statement must be answered to enable Selection Office to determine applicant's eligibility. Incomplete application may have to be rejected. Authority is PL 93-408. You must be at least 15 years of age and not have reached age 19 during the term of employment.

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Mailing Address (Street or P.O. Box)

City

State

Zip Code

Area Code Telephone Number

Date of Birth

____-____-____

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Month Day Year

Social Security Number

____-____-____

____Male ____Female

Are you able to participate in strenuous physical work activities? ____Yes ____No

Reference Information:

School attending _____

Reference (teacher or counselor) _____

Applicant's Statement:

I am familiar with the YCC program and interested in working in the outdoors to develop and maintain the natural resources of the United States. If selected, I will obtain a work permit if required. I have or am applying for a social security number. I am a permanent resident of the United States or its Territories or possession. I do not have a history of serious criminal or other antisocial behavior that might jeopardize my safety or that of others. I certify that all information I have given above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Incorrect statements constitute grounds of immediate dismissal. You have my permission to give this application to any YCC official to whose camp I am selected.

Signature of Applicant

I am familiar with the YCC program and the applicant has my permission to participate.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

YCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Please send completed application to: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Attention: YCC Program, 8588 Route 148, Marion IL 62959 618-997-3344 ext 1 Due Date: 04/30/15